(a) whether the Centralised Senior Assessing Officer of Income-Tax Department has since completed the in-depth investigation and finalised assessments pertaining to former President, NCCF; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The Chief Commissioner of Income-Tax Patna, has reported that investigation is being carried on in the pending cases of the Group which had been centralised with a Deputy Commissioner (Assessment) at Patna.

Loans to S.S.I. Units in Tamil Nadu

2566. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medium and large scale industries in Tamil Nadu are being granted interest free sales tax loan at 20 per cent of fixed assets or Rs. 1 crore in a period of six years;

(b) if so the reasons for which small scale industries are being granted only 8 per cent of the value of fixed assets and Rs. 7.5 lakh in a period of six years; and

(c) whether Government will consider enhancement of the interest free sales tax loan to S. S. I. units by removing the disparity between these units and the large|medium Industries especially on the percentage value of fixed assets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Evasion of Income-Tax by M|s. Ashoka Palace Hotel, New Delhi

2567. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s Ashoka Palace Hotel, Shantiniketan, New Delhi and Ashoka Deluxe, Hotel, Saraswati Road, Karol Bagh have evaded income tax luxury tax and other taxes charged from guests during the last 2 years;

(b) if so, what are details of various taxes filed by the above hotels during the last 2 years; and

(c) what action has been taken against the proprietors of the above hotels for evading taxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) It is reported by the concerned Commissioners if Income-tax that Ashoka Palace Hotel and Ashoka Deluxe Hotel are owned by M|s. Pal Mohan Construction Company and M|s. Rishi Gagan Construction (P) Ltd. respectively. Evasion of income-tax or any other direct tax by the said concerns during the last two years has so far not come to the notice of the income-tax authorities.

(b) and (c) In view of the reply to part (a) above, these do not arise.

Turn-over of Retail Outlets of NTC

2568. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) What is the number of retail outlets with the National Textile Corporation to push through the textile goods manufactured by the mills belonging to the National Textile Corporation as on September 30, 1988; and